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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I believe reducing the force of the 1996 Telecommunications Act is a mistake. In particular, the FCC must retain the power to preempt local governments that attempt to newer or smaller ISPs from operating. The FCC must act as a check against the endeavours of monopolistic larger carries in order to guarantee competition. Retaining the ability to preempt local governments provides the FCC a method to ensure competition and to ensure that greater features continue to reach American households.

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